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In Search of Peace: Part One

Gala film screening chronicles Israel's first 20 years of history

By Barbara Crook

Ottawa audiences will be among the first in North America to see the latest film by the creators of the Academy Award-winning documentary, *The Long Way Home*.

In Search of Peace: Part One, which chronicles the first 20 years in the history of Israel, will be screened Monday, April 23 at 8:00 pm at Cineplex Odeon's World Exchange Cinemas. It's part of a fundraising evening for the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Ottawa Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee.

"We're taking *In Search of Peace* to all the major Jewish communities in Canada," says Avi Benolo, the Wiesenthal Center's Canadi-

an director of development. "One of our mandates is to produce films about the Holocaust and about Israel, because we have found that the medium of film is one of the best ways to reach people."

The Simon Wiesenthal Center is the leading international human rights organization dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and to fostering tolerance. Its Moriah Films Division in Los Angeles produced *Genocide*, which won the 1981 Academy Award for best feature documentary; as well as *Echoes That Remain* and *Liberation*.

The Long Way Home, the Moriah Films documentary that won the 1997 Oscar, chronicled the period from

the liberation of the concentration camps in 1945 to the creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

In Search of Peace picks up where *The Long Way Home* left off. It uses rare archival films and photos, historical records and personal anecdotes, as well as interviews with the individuals who helped shape Israel's history. Michael Douglas, Ed Asner, Anne Bancroft, Richard Dreyfuss and Michael York are among the actors who lend their voices to the narration and to the words of various historical figures.

The portrayal is anything but sugar-coated. The film includes some of the darker moments in Israel's history, such as the killing of Arabs

by Jewish extremists in Deir Yassin, and the bitter internal battles between David Ben-Gurion and the rebel forces of Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir in the streets of Tel Aviv.

"This film is not an infomercial for Israel," says Rabbi Marvin Hier, the dean and founder of the Wiesenthal Center, who co-produced and co-wrote *In Search of Peace*. "We are showing its history, warts and all. Yet the creation of Israel was not only one of the greatest events of the 20th century, but in all human history."

Rabbi Hier is expected to be in Ottawa for the screening, as is Richard Trank, who directed *In Search of Peace*

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FROM *IN SEARCH OF PEACE PART ONE*: Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in Hatzor, January 1958.

(Photo: Pridan Moshe/State of Israel National Photo Collection)

The forms have arrived

German slave and forced labour compensation moving forward

By Rebecca Holzman

The Jewish Community Council of Ottawa has received its first shipment of German slave and forced labour compensation forms. Holocaust survivors who were forced to work for the Nazis may be eligible for compensation from a \$5 billion fund established by Germany.

Former slave labourers (individuals who worked

for the Nazis in concentration camps or ghettos) are eligible to apply for payments of approximately \$7,000. Former forced labourers (individuals who were forced to work for the Nazis under other conditions) will be eligible for approximately \$2,500. All eligible survivors will receive the same amount of compensation.

On July 17, 2000, Ger-

man and Israeli governments signed the agreement establishing the German Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future". The program is equally funded by the German government and over 5,000 German corporations, banks and insurance companies.

It is estimated that there may be as many as one million or more people worldwide (most of them non-

Jews) who are eligible for the compensation for forced labour; and approximately 160,000 Jewish survivors may be eligible for the slave labour compensation. In addition, the fund will compensate people subjected to Nazi medical experiments, prisoners of war who were incarcerated and some other Holocaust-related claims.

In accordance with the German legislation, if the

persecutee died on or after February 16, 1999, the heir follows its own application process.

Applicants do not have to pay a fee. Deadline for applications is August 11, 2001.

For more information, to obtain an application form or for assistance filing a claim, call Rebecca Holzman, communications coordinator, Jewish Community Council of Ottawa (798-4696, ext 234).

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COMMENTARY

Young Adult Division a forum for young singles and marrieds



VAAD Report

David Baker
Co-Chair of Young
Adult Division, UJA

Editor's note: Vaad President Stephen Greenberg has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

The beginning of the year promises to be an exciting one for United Jewish Appeal's Young Adult Division (YAD). As Stephen Greenberg pointed out in his last *Bulletin* column, from March 31 to April 2 Ottawa will be hosting Young Jewish Leadership from across Canada at a national conference (Connect@Ottawa) taking place at the Château Laurier.

This conference offers spectacular programming. World class speakers from across North America and Israel will be addressing conference participants who will come away with a new understanding of our community and a determination to improve and continue

what we already have.

On a national level, young leadership now has five seats on UJA's national board, and all of us are active and interested in promoting Canadian Jewry both nationally and abroad.

On a community level, Ottawa's YAD has much to be proud of. In existence for a little over a year, we have been the only body to have successfully created programs for the young adult age group. We have provided a forum for young Jewish singles and marrieds to meet with one another, catch up on old times and discuss important issues.

YAD has also garnered the support of senior leadership who are taking the necessary steps to ensure that our voice is heard. They understand that the future of Ottawa's Jewish community depends on us. Many of the community's boards have included young leadership in their membership. I encourage other boards to recruit young blood in order to ensure continuity.

We have an extremely committed and dedicated core group which has undertaken the responsibility for everything pertaining to YAD. We require additional support to launch new and innovative programming. We need new ideas. In short, we need you.

YAD offers you a forum where your ideas and enthusiasm matter and you have the opportunity to see your

ideas come to fruition. If you would like to have an impact on the future of our vibrant Jewish community, contact me (722-3202) or Celia Abraham at the UJA office (798-4696, ext. 248).

I would like to thank the UJA staff and the Vaad for recognizing the importance of young leadership.



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The Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award

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Members of the Jewish community are invited to nominate an individual or organization for the 2001 Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award. The award, initiated in 1980 in tribute to the memory of Past President Gilbert Greenberg, is intended to recognize exceptional service to the Jewish community over the course of many years. It is the highest award the community can bestow.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Selection Committee in writing by Friday, March 23, 2001, including a resume of the individual's or organization's contribution to community life.

The presentation will be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Community on June 6, 2001. The name of the award winner will be recorded on the tablet in the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. A replica will be given to the recipient.

Address recommendations to Mrs. Barbara Farber, Chair of the Selection Committee, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1R9, marked "Nominations for Distinguished Service Award."

Nominations Being Accepted for the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award

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The award presentation shall be made to the recipient on June 6, 2001 at the Annual General Meeting of the community.

Art from the heart

There have been and continue to be many solidarity missions to Israel. Truth is that we need solidarity with Israel as much as Israel needs solidarity with us.

My most recent trip to Israel was in mid-January. It was the annual Conference of the Rabbinic Cabinet for State of Israel Bonds. Because of the circumstances, we changed this year's trip from a conference to a solidarity mission.

The change meant that we changed gears and redirected our focus to meet with the victims of the unprovoked and inexcusable violence that has erupted over the past few months.

We met the broken-hearted parents of the young man who was killed in the bomb explosion at the Mahane Yehuda market in Israel. He was one of two people killed in that suicide bomb attack. The other victim was a young lady who was moving into the Mahane Yehuda market residential area, which with its rebuilding is undergoing a renaissance.

There are two ironies to share about this. The family name of both victims is Levy, but they were unrelated. Now, in death, the two families are united in grief and united in hoping that the road on which this barbaric act was carried out will be named Rehov Ha-Levi'im – the street of the Levys.

The other irony is that the Mrs. Levy who was killed probably saved the market from a greater calamity. Her moving van was parked in a way which blocked the explosive-filled car from getting into the crowded market area. Who knows how many people would have been killed had the bomb exploded there.

So, it was in the pioneering spirit of rebuilding that the neighbourhood was spared from more enormous tragedy. In the midst of tragedy, there was hope to be found.

And we found even more hope in Gilo, the embattled community that is living literally under the gun of snipers who sneak into Beit Jalla, an adjoining village, and fire shots indiscriminately, but with the aim to cause damage



From the pulpit

Rabbi Reuven Bulka
Machzikei Hadas

and casualties.

We saw the bullet marks on houses and on synagogues. We saw homes which have had to put up bulletproof windows.

And we saw many parts of the city of Gilo with concrete barricades seven or eight feet high that serve as the walls to their city. That is certainly not a pleasant sight.

But what we saw in Gilo was nothing short of amazing. These resilient people, determined to protect their vulnerable position from violent assault, have also resolved to maintain the upbeat spirit and character of the neighbourhood and its people.

The barricades, which are sometimes 25 metres long, if not more, have become works of art.

On these concrete barricades you see the most inspiring landscape painting, lengthy murals depicting nature and people interacting. As you look at these magnificent paintings, you almost instantly forget they are barricades. What you see is "art from the heart".

You see art for the sake of tranquillity, invigorating art on a protective canvas. That picture is so clear in my mind as a profound testimony to the spirit of our people.

They may be besieged, but they are determined. They may be anxious, but they are resilient. Their spirits may be assaulted, but they rise to the occasion.

The spirit of Gilo is a contagious spirit. It leaves you with the reassurance that our people, caught once again in a war they did not want, will in the end prevail.

INTERPRETING ISRAEL'S ELECTION RESULTS

Low voter turnout puts Sharon's power in question

By David Goldberg,
Director of Research
and Education

Canada-Israel Committee

On February 8, Israel's Central Election Committee published the official results of the February 6 special election for prime minister. Ariel Sharon took 62.3% of ballots cast (1,698,077 votes), compared to Ehud Barak's 37.6% (1,023,944).

Only 62.3% of eligible voters chose to cast ballots (compared to 79.3% in 1996 and 78.7% in 1999). In other words, Sharon took only 36.7% of the eligible vote.

Pundits are trying to determine the reason for the low voter turnout. Among the theories: confusion relating to the unique nature of the election (the first time Israelis were voting only for a prime minister); a sense that the election to replace the PM was only a prelude for a general election; the short campaign; a lack of enthusiasm for either candidate; and the "bandwagon effect" resulting

from the large lead in public opinion surveys maintained by Sharon from the outset (a process that alleviated pressure on Sharon supporters to ensure 100% turnout and may have caused supporters of Barak - already disillusioned with his autocratic management style and/or his failure to conclude peace negotiations with the Palestinians - to not "waste" ballots on a "losing" candidate).

Whatever the reason, the high abstention rate is disturbing. In the words of Justice Michael Cheshin, chair of the Central Election Committee: "There's no doubt that is a worrisome phenomenon. A low turnout doesn't give the elected prime minister enough power to know that the majority of the people are behind him."

Cheshin also said that the high number of "protest" ballots submitted (78,385), including those without a mark for either candidate and those with the names of "Clinton" or "Arafat" scrawled on

them, "is something for sociologists to study, but there's no doubt it's not a healthy phenomenon."

The abstention rate was highest in the Arab sector. Less than 25% of eligible Arab voters submitted ballots (compared to close to 80% in 1999). While most Arab votes cast went to Barak, the very low turnout rate ended any hope for a comeback. The immediate- and long-term implications of the Arab community's voting behaviour, which is being interpreted as not only a deliberate decision to punish Barak for the deaths of 13 Israeli Arabs in demonstrations last October but also as a conscious repudiation by the Arab minority of Israel's "Jewish establishment", require careful assessment.

Also affecting the outcome was the voting behaviour of the Russian immigrants. Contrary to early speculation that they were largely apathetic about the election and would likely abstain, they voted at a rate roughly consistent with the general electorate.

trum concur that the most important determinant of the results of this election was the behaviour of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Through his rejection of the very generous concessions offered at last summer's Camp David peace summit and the campaign of attacks on Israelis that continued up to and including the day of the election, Arafat contributed immeasurably to the outcome of those elections. In the words of Tel Aviv University political scientist Aharon Klieman, whereas in 1999 Ehud Barak ran successfully on the slogan of "Peace and Security", in February 2001 Ariel Sharon defeated Barak by using the slogan of "Security and Peace". The shift in emphasis, Klieman said, is vital, and is symptomatic of the fundamental paradigm shift forced upon Israelis as the result of more than six months of Palestinian diplomatic intransigence and orchestrated violence.

However, Israeli analysts from across the political spec-

the results of this election should not be misinterpreted as a repudiation of the peace process per se. Rather, it represents a conscious decision by an Israeli society still striving for peace and peaceful co-existence to shift from the aggressive approach toward peacemaking advocated by Ehud Barak and the Labour Party, to the more cautious approach favoured by Ariel Sharon and Likud. It is based on these parameters, the continued pursuit of peace but only in a situation where Palestinian violence ends and where the personal security of Israeli citizens is enhanced, that Ariel Sharon will be expected to develop his diplomatic strategy.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Spaceman inspires JET fliers

Some came to relax, others came to experience. Some came to learn, others came to 'browse'. Some didn't come, but they won't make that mistake again. On January 19, over 50 participants checked into Ottawa's Albert at Bay Suite Hotel for JET's (Jewish Education

through Torah) annual Shahbaton.

The program began Friday with a "user-friendly" evening prayer service, as JET's own Rahli Dovid Burger gave inspiring explanations of the Kahhalas Shahbos service. After the Ma'ariv service, everyone

proceeded to the dining room where Shahbaton participants were joined by students participating in the Jewish Students Association's (JSA) Shahbaton Dinner program. Following dinner, participants returned to the meeting room which doubled as the shul. Rahli Zischa Shaps introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Andy Goldfinger, who has a PhD in theoretical physics and a masters degree in counselling. He is currently assistant supervisor of the Space Mission Concept and Analysis Group at John Hopkins University and has done work for several international space programs.

The Torah tells us that God created the world less than 6,000 years ago. Modern science insists there was an explosion 10 billion years ago. So how does Goldfinger, a renowned physicist and Orthodox Jew, reconcile this and other contradictions? Participants sat attentively as Goldfinger explained that



Rabbi Mordechai Fried plays the guitar and leads the singing during JET's annual Shahbaton in January.

questions such as these are not a threat, rather they are a wonderful opportunity to learn and discover. He then led everyone on a guided tour "backstage", through the halls of the history of modern science. While citing many early commentaries and Talmudic sources, he demonstrated how similar the two really are.

Following davening and Kiddush on Shabbos morning, Goldfinger spoke about technology in the service of Torah. After lunch, he resumed his talk, then many retired for a short Shahbaton afternoon rest. The program resumed with Mincha and the third Shahbaton meal.

After Shahbaton was over, Goldfinger presented his lecture entitled: "Food, Sex, and Power – a Torah Perspective". Following the lecture, all partook of the Metava Maika (post-Shabbos festivities). Then came the kumzitz as Rahli Mordechai Fried, principal of Torah Academy, led the singing with his guitar, while interjecting inspiring stories and thoughts.

On Sunday morning, the Shahbaton wrapped up with a fascinating lecture, "Miracles and Physical Law – Are miracles really possible?" in which Goldfinger explained the nature of miracles employing a deck of cards.

In every way, this year's Shahbaton was a smashing success. One participant returned home and immediately e-mailed the JET office saying: "It was a most positive experience ... the lectures most interesting and stimulating. Made me feel that I had something to be proud of ... The JET organization has opened my eyes to the beauty and the Ta'am (flavour) of our Jewish way of life. I had forgotten. Thank you."

For more information about any of JET's programs, classes, or events, contact the JET office (798-9818 ext. 247). Or e-mail jet@jccottawa.com.

MAILBAG

Optimize nutritional value of recipes

Dear Editor,

The Soloway JCC and Bulletin put a lot of emphasis on body building for good health. I suggest you check your recipes to optimize their nutritional value. For example, the January 22 Souther Red Rice recipe called for white rice and salt. Brown rice is more nutritious and there's already too much salt in the can of tomatoes.

Oops! Does anyone check the recipes for kashrut? The Wild Mushroom Risotto recipe calls for chicken stock and butter. Chicken stock is not pareve. Does the recipe mean stock with artificial chicken flavour? There are too many dangerous chemicals added to our food without such useless junk.

Irua Cohen

Donna Karlin responds: Pareve chicken stock is readily available under the brand name of Croydon or Carmel. Feel free to substitute any ingredient if you wish to improve on the nutritious content.

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Deadline for submission is March 15, 2001.

ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Israeli was member of Canada's Grenadier Guards

By Diane Koven

Avi Lev-Louis can't understand what all the fuss is about.

What's so unusual about the first secretary and head of the Consular Section at the Israeli Embassy having spent a teenage summer as a Grenadier Guard on Ottawa's Parliament Hill?

After all, at the time, he was a student at Loyola College in Montreal, and participating in the Changing of the Guard was definitely one of the most interesting choices for a summer job.

When Lev-Louis arrived in Ottawa for his posting last summer, it was like returning home. He and his family had immigrated to Canada from Israel in 1963, settling in Montreal. Lev-Louis graduated from Northmount High School and Loyola

College. The summer spent in Ottawa was only one of his fondly remembered Canadian adventures. Another summer job, with Frontier College, saw him teaching illiterate people in Northern Ontario to read and write. Following his college graduation, he spent a year as a math teacher in James Bay.

Reminiscing about the Changing of the Guard, Lev-Louis has fond memories. "We actually went through army training in Petawawa," he says. "Then we lived at Uplands Air Force Base. Every morning we shined our shoes, ironed our uniforms and brushed the bearskin hats.

At 8:00 a.m. we boarded the bus for Parliament Hill, then on to the Governor General's residence for guard duty. In the heat, occasionally someone would

faint, but it was generally very enjoyable."

In 1977, Lev-Louis decided to return to Israel and studied social work at Bar Ilan University. As a native-born Israeli, he was required to serve 18 months in the army but stayed on for officer training. Following his army service, he worked as a vocational counsellor in the Ministry of Labour until, at the age of 43, he decided to make a career change and joined the foreign service.

Lev-Louis is here with his wife, Batya. Their daughter has recently returned to Israel where she is about to enter the army and their son will be finishing his army service shortly. The family has had no trouble getting used to Canada, having visited Canada, having visited



Avi Lev-Louis

Long-time editor departs Ottawa Jewish Bulletin

After eight years of service to the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* and the Jewish Community of Ottawa, we bid farewell to Myra Aronson as editor.

Myra and the *Bulletin* team put together an informative and creative community newspaper. She oversaw many positive improvements to the paper including last fall's design changes. We are grateful for her tenure as editor and wish her well in her future endeavours.



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- If you have recently concluded an event or campaign, then send us a report on your activities.
- If you have a problem understanding why and/or how you need to apply/report to MAC, then call us or write to us.
- If you have a comment on or problem with our guidelines, policies or procedures, then let us know.
- If you are having difficulties planning your fundraising activities, let us know and we will try to help you.
- If anything else is bothering you about MAC, don't stew about it. Call today.

To address any of the above points or for copies of MAC Guidelines, Application Forms, etc., contact the Vaad MAC staff person, Rebecca Holzman (798-4696 ext. 234).



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Student conference identifies strategies and generates ideas

We are living in a time when we no longer question whether Israel will survive, but how it will survive. Outside Israel, the issue is how university students can deal with Israeli issues on campuses across Canada.

The harsh reality is that since September some Canadian universities, including Carleton University and to a lesser extent the University of Ottawa, have been plagued with anti-Semitic and hate propaganda. This has led to a rise in animosity between Jewish and Arab students. While these clashes may seem like peaceful demonstrations in a place where intellectual learning is meant to strive, they are not. The arguments presented by Arab students have been fraudulent, representing neither truth nor objectivity. Sadly, Jewish

students have been losing this PR war. As a result, leaders of the Jewish student organizations felt that the only way to combat and ultimately resolve this grim situation was to come together and discuss these issues and identify possible solutions.

On January 19, delegates from Carleton University and the University of Ottawa joined another 70 students and organizers at a conference entitled, "The Israel Activism Retreat: Crisis on Campus", at Camp B'nai Brith. The five delegates were Alex Morfield, director of JSA Ottawa, Dov Ben-Reuven and Renee Goldfinger, University of Ottawa and Carleton University JSA presidents respectively, and Ericka Dahan and Samuel Mendelsohn, JSA executive

members. The retreat began with experts explaining their positions and offering opinions on the Middle East and how current issues were affecting Jewish communities.

Delegates participated in workshops where they were taught how to combat false arguments presented by Arab student groups. They were educated on the methods and practices of how Arab students attract passers-by to listen to their cause and opinions, and were shown techniques on how to demonstrate the Jewish point of view, how to get the Jewish perspective across and how to promote the real facts. One of the keynote speakers, Neil Lazarus, an expert on policies, media, Middle East affairs and organizational management, has worked with Israeli ambassadors,

youth, journalists and community leaders.

As the conference came to an end, students discussed future actions. Student task forces were developed and a new website was unveiled. Its aim is to help students on various campuses develop a communication network. This will also assist students in further dealing with anti-Israel activities on campus. Campuses are being encouraged to bolster their communications to better equip Jewish students today who will become leaders tomorrow.

The success of the conference can be measured by the learning and sharing of strategies and the promotion of ideas that were generated. In addition, this event strengthened the ties between campuses and the student population.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Tzedakah begins early for B'nai Mitzvah Club members

By Estelle Melzer

The B'nai Mitzvah Club is a new program of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation which encourages youth in Grades 6, 7 and 8 to establish a charitable fund in the Foundation in celebration of their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. It was founded by Saul and Edna Goldfarb with the aim of promoting life-long habits of tzedakah and community involvement amongst our youth.

A youngster becomes a member of the B'nai Mitzvah Club by opening his or her own fund in the Foundation. To encourage youth to join up, the Goldfarbs will match any amount (up to \$1,000) that they and their families donate to establish their funds. "We suggest to the youngsters that at least \$36 of that initial donation be their own money," Edna Goldfarb explains. "That way the mitzvah of tzedakah has a personal meaning to them."

Three new members have recently joined the B'nai Mitzvah Club. For each of these young people, tzedakah is a carefully thought out and very personal choice.

Samantha Greenberg celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on February 17 in Ottawa. The daughter of Kenneth Greenberg, she lives in Florida but has strong family ties to Ottawa. Her grandfather, Gilbert Greenberg, was the

driving force behind the establishment of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation and was its first president. Tzedakah is a family affair for the Greenbergs. "Everyone in our family supports my father's goal of helping to create a strong Jewish community," Kenneth says.

Samantha learned about tzedakah in her school in Florida. When her Bat Mitzvah was approaching, she sat down with her father to discuss what mitzvah project she wanted to do. "We get the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and I showed her an article about the B'nai Mitzvah Club. She immediately said that she wanted to get involved in it," Kenneth says.

The Samantha Greenberg Mitzvah Fund for Youth Scholarships was established. It will provide funding to youth, based on need and/or merit, for Jewish enrichment – social activities, camp, synagogue-based programs, trips to Israel – anything to do with enriching their Jewish experience. Samantha has set up a similar project through her synagogue in Florida.

Jonathan Sherman, the son of Randi and Ian Sherman, has established the Jonathan Sherman Mitzvah Fund, even though his Bar Mitzvah will not take place until December 2002.

When a representative of the Foundation came to his



Samantha Greenberg



Jonathan Sherman



Marshall Rothman

Grade 6 Hillel Academy class to discuss the B'nai Mitzvah Club, the idea immediately struck a chord with him. "He came home very excited," his mother recalls. "It was around the time of his birthday and he thought that establishing his own charitable fund would be a great way to celebrate it. The motivation to do this has all come from him."

Jonathan started thinking about ways to earn the money to set up his fund. The first \$36 came from his own money, earned tutoring other children in Hebrew. He also has plans to earn the money to make it grow. "There are lots of young kids on my street," Jonathan explained. "I hope their parents will ask me for help and, after my Bar Mitzvah, I can do babysitting."

Jonathan is still thinking about what charity he would like his fund to support. Right now he would like it to be "something for kids – Camp B'nai Brith or CHEO".

adviser to his fund, he knows that over the years, as his interests change, he can choose different beneficiary agencies for his fund.

Marshall Rothman, the son of Shelley and Sid Rothman, is the youngest member of the B'nai Mitzvah Club. The 10-year-old Grade 6 Hillel Academy student recently established the Marshall Rothman Mitzvah Fund. When he heard about the B'nai Mitzvah Club, Marshall already knew a lot about the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation. Together with his three older siblings, he had just established a Foundation fund in celebration of his parents' 20th anniversary.

"Marshall was very keen on setting up his own fund," his mother recalls. "The concept of personal tzedakah,

giving his own money, was very clear to him." He took money from his savings account to establish his fund.

He also has an ingenious game plan for making his fund grow. "He's earning his money right now while we're talking," his mother laughs, "by cleaning up our kitchen." Marshall puts away a dollar a week from his allowance for his fund, but he wants to contribute more. He sat down with his mother to discuss ways to make money. He had three needs, he explained: first, his fund; second, some spending money; and third, a birthday gift for his friend.

He worked out a plan for earning money by taking on household chores. Marshall now gives his mother a daily bill for tasks completed and gets a weekly payout. For

Chanukah, Marshall's teachers received gift cards from the Foundation acknowledging contributions to his fund made in their honour.

He was equally serious when considering what charity he would like his fund to support. He read the Foundation's Annual Report and decided on Tamir Foundation "because they don't get as much money as some of the other charities and I wanted to help people who don't have their own house like me to live in."

Samantha Greenberg, Jonathan Sherman and Marshall Rothman are shining examples of what the B'nai Mitzvah Club stands for: to get young people to think about and become involved in tzedakah and community in a personal and meaningful way.

A Bar/Bat Mitzvah fund can be opened in the Foundation with a minimum of \$500. Thus, with matching funds from the Goldfarbs, B'nai Mitzvah Club members can open their funds with a gift of \$250, tax deductible.

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Gala screening chronicles Israel's history

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and The Long Way Home.

Proceeds from the April 23 event will support the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center's Canadian activities, which include tolerance education programs for media, educators and law enforcement officials, monitoring of hate propaganda on the Internet, and intervention in legal cases involving anti-Semitism, such as a recent human rights tribunal concerning the website of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel.

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal is donating 25 per cent of the net proceeds from the evening to the Ottawa Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee to further its

Holocaust education and awareness programs.

Tickets are currently available only at the patron level of \$150 per person, which includes a private dinner with the filmmakers, the film screening and a post-performance dessert reception. Other tickets (\$75 for sponsors, \$36 for general admission and \$18 for students) will be available in March.

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Barbara Crook is a member of the Shoah Remem-

brance Committee and co-chair (with Lynda Green-

berg) of the Ottawa premier of In Search of Peace.

Shabbos for a novice

Make-shift Shabbos is better than no Shabbos at all

By Michael Baker

If Shabbat is the day of rest, Erev Shabbat certainly makes up for it.

Recently, I took it upon myself to welcome the Sabbath Queen into my home (OK, my one-bedroom apartment) along with some close friends. All of us are ex-Ottawans, looking for a little home-cooking in Toronto. I decided it would be nice to attempt a Friday night dinner, just like Mom used to make. Little did I know just how much work she quietly did.

My entertaining experience prior to this evening had been limited to opening a bag of cheesy poofs and making sure the beer was cold. I was unprepared for the Friday that awaited me.

How can a task as simple as setting the table be so daunting? Normally, I just eat over the sink. However, I only have one sink. It would have been rude to make everyone take turns using it. An archaeological dig through my cupboards unearthed four matching plates. Then I realized I still had to uncover some cutlery. I could only hope that no one would mind eating soup with a grapefruit spoon.

Next came a slightly trickier issue: I don't know

how to cook. Fortunately, this was easily solved. The benefit of living in a city with a sizable Jewish population is the easy access to pre-made, kosher food. A pre-cooked chicken here, some potato knishes there and a jar of chicken soup with matzo balls. And VISA was accepted everywhere. I also discovered how professional a bag of salad looks once you emptied it into a salad bowl.

Truth be told, I was amazed that I actually owned a salad bowl.

When my guests arrived, they were impressed by my pains of preparation. They were amazed by the food. They were shocked by how "adult" everything looked.

The next problem I ran into was a lack of candlesticks. A sheet of aluminum foil and some well-balanced Shabbat candles did their best to fill in.

When my guests arrived, they were impressed by my pains of preparation. They were amazed by the food. They were shocked by how "adult" everything looked.

None of that mattered. What made the evening so wonderful was lighting the candles, singing *Shalom Aleichem* and reciting the Kiddush and the hamotzi. We all recognized what it means to be Jewish and to celebrate this custom together. We were now keeping alive the tradition our parents had practised with us.

Shabbat is not about how light your matzo balls are or how well you can carve a chicken. It is about celebrating the holiest day of the week with people you love and remembering that this is a time for Jews to open their arms and their homes to each other. Shabbat Shalom.



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Mark Klyman

SJCC's JMBL continues to thrive

By Leila Ages

If you stop by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre's (SJCC) gymnasium any Wednesday between 6:30 and 10:30 pm, you can watch the SJCC's JMBL (Jewish Men's Basketball League) in action. Formed over 20 years ago, the league was originally created to fill a void in the community as most of the city's basketball leagues were competitive and exclusive. Since its inception, the JMBL has grown and is now commonly referred to as one of the best recreational men's leagues in the city.

Jon Braun, SJCC's athletics and leagues manager, has been running the league for over 12 years. He has seen the group transform from a small number of men aged 30 to 40 years to a diverse group of 50 men ranging in age from 16 to 54 years. Despite the change in the group's composition, there are still some original members who have been playing since the league was created. They include: Jeff Pleet, Howard Krebs, Ian Sadinsky and Jeff Polowin. Some of these original members are now playing with their sons:

Howard and Jon Krebs and Jeff and Howard Miller.

This unique league brings together players of all skill levels. There are men who played college-level basketball playing alongside those who only started basketball at age 30. Despite these extremes in ability, all players are afforded equal playing time. There are no favourites. Braun works hard to ensure this level playing field by purposely drafting new teams each year. At the end of the season everyone makes it to the playoffs.

In addition to offering the benefits of exercise, the JMBL is a wonderful vehicle for newcomers to be introduced to the Jewish community. For others it is their primary connection to Jewish life. For Perry Medicoff, "The league was my initial vehicle for meeting people in the community when I first moved to Ottawa. It introduced me to the Jewish Community Centre, with which I have been involved on various levels, and introduced me to a few close friends."

The JMBL has been so successful at becoming an inclusive, fast-paced recreational league that Braun



JMBL teams face off at the SJCC gymnasium.

uses it as a model to create other leagues such as the newly formed Men's Hockey League.

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Yitzhak Rabin High School 1, Bialik High School 1

It started in September, the long preparation for the basketball showdown. Lunch hour after lunch hour Yitzhak Rabin High School (YRHS) students practised and as the day approached you would find them in the gym practising after school.

On January 17 came the big showdown against Montreal's Bialik High School.

The girls played the first game. Although they were dressed in their on-loan black t-shirts adorned with duct-taped numbers, their amateur appearance did not hamper their professional approach to the game. Awesome Adina, Mighty Miriam, Kareem Karen, Nimble Nadia, Avenging Anna, Marvellous Marinah, Adventurous Ariel, Aggressive Ariella, Joyous Jordanna and Tough Talya took to the court and beat Bialik with a score of 19-11.

Foul shot shooting, excellent passing and lay up shots let the boys' team take the lead for much of their game. Jonathan Dale, Yoni Braun, Avi Krym, Noah Muroff, Sean Huberman, Simon Love, Shlomo Friedman, Michael Bokhaut, Avi



MEMBERS OF THE YRHS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM (from left to right) Jonathan Dale, Yoni Braun and Michael Bokhaut prepare for their game against Bialik High School.

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The Ottawa Jewish Archives has been awarded a grant from Industry Canada to showcase the heritage of Ottawa synagogues as part of Canada's Digital Collections Program.

Three youths from Young Canada Works will be engaged to research and design a website which documents the development of Judaism in Ottawa. The website will examine the history of Ottawa's synagogues and all that it encompasses. Ultimately, the public will be able to take a virtual tour of Ottawa's synagogues.

OVH

A focus group was recently held between members of the community and Mike West, general manager of Loblaw's, Pinecrest. Suggestions were made and ideas were discussed on a variety of kashrut issues. Loblaw's is committed to providing exemplary service to and quality products for the Ottawa Jewish community.

To be consistent with COR and MK, effective immediately, the OVH is recommending that all canned vegetables bear an acceptable kosher certification. By March 1, 2001 all restaurants, hotels and caterers will also be abiding by this rule.

For more information contact Rabbi Mitchell Cohen (798-4696 ext. 238).

CRC

Families of the kidnapped and missing Israeli soldiers in Lebanon are trying to get one million people around the world to sign an Internet petition to help free their sons. The petition can be found at: www.mia.org.il/petition/index.html. It can be signed in either English or Hebrew. We hope that these signatures will help the situation. Please take a minute to participate.

birthright

Alex Mordfield will be leading the next *birthright israel* trip scheduled for February 15-26. The following students will be making up the local contingent: Victoria Bowman, David Gold, Nathaniel Green, Evan Green, Jonathan Herland, Adam Hubenig, Leah Klein, Kim Lehrer, Melissa Magder, Aaron Marcovitch, Ryan Merovitz, Deborah Miller, Lisa Miller, Stephanie Pames, Lorne Pearl, Robyn Pilarski, Rosalyn Rabow, Brandi Sherman, Ilana Shulman, Stephen Stotland, Danny Strong, Daniel Weiss, Deborah Weiss and Shelby Zoladek.

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World-renowned scholar to give Kashrus lecture

By Lynne Cohen

Rabbi Moshe Heinemann, one of modern Jewry's foremost authorities in halacha (Jewish Law) and modern society will be in Ottawa on March 5 to give a lecture entitled "Kashrus Today: Challenges and Achieve-

ments".

To be held at Young Israel of Ottawa, the lecture is the first in a series sponsored by the synagogue and Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut and is called "Leaders of Valour: Individuals who have Impacted Jewry."

Heinemann is very pleased to be kicking off the series and to be visiting the nation's capital. "I look forward to meeting the community and spending time with you," he says. After the lecture, he will hold a question and answer session "on any matter of Jewish Law and tradition".

The founder and rabbinical adviser of the Star K kashrus organization, Heinemann is regularly approached for his opinions by food producers and restaurant owners all over the world who are applying kosher standards to their

products. He has also been a pulpit rabbi for three decades and is currently the leader of Congregation Agudat Israel in Baltimore, Maryland. He has served as an instructor and lecturer at the Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore.

The lecture will begin at 8:00 pm at Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue. Cost (to cover expenses): \$10 per person, \$2 for students.

For more information or for private sessions with Rabbi Heinemann, contact Rabbi Mordechai Berger (722-5029).

Kosher for Passover wine sale through Na'amat

Na'amat Ottawa's Aviva Chapter is getting ready for Pesach. For more than 10 years the chapter has held its annual Kosher for Passover Wine sale. The list includes wines from California, Italy, France, Australia, Chile and Israel. Also available are

kosher fruit wines, ice wines and liqueurs many of which cannot be found at your local liquor store.

To receive a copy of the wine list or if you know of someone who would be interested, call Deana Dubrofsky (726-9595).

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CMA designation

Jeff Isenberg has received his CMA (Certified Management Accountant) professional designation from the Society of Management Accountants of Ontario and is currently employed by EDS Canada in Toronto. He is the son of Arlene and Seymour Isenberg.



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COLUMNS

Yiddishkeit Part 1: Rediscovering Yiddish through the Web

The foundation of Jewish life is to have active Jews, conscious of their heritage and unity.

This column and the next will deal with the Yiddish tradition and language. The following two columns will cover the major Sephardic groups – the Jews whose culture developed in Iran and Iraq, and those who came from Spain and North Africa.

Yiddishkeit, according to the artist, Zvi Silberstein, was the glue that united the Jews from Eastern and Central Europe whose everyday language was Yiddish, an amalgam of German, Slavic languages and Hebrew. But the last few generations seem to have lost the recipe for this glue.

Some now see Yiddishkeit is re-emerging, due to a combination of circumstances: the search for roots; the recent influx of Russian Jews to Israel and North America; and the interest of a younger generation in the language, culture and music that many of their parents neglected or rejected outright. The Internet links those interested in keeping Yiddish and Yiddish culture alive, and makes accessing this material easy.

Forshpeiz – Introducing Yiddishkeit

One of the proponents of the idea that the Internet is helping to revive Yiddish is Ellis Shuman of "About Israeli Culture", whose views, and introduction to Yiddish culture, are developed in "Yiddish Spoken Here" (<http://israelicuture.about.com/culture/israeliculture/library/weekly/aa091597.htm>). Shuman also refers to a number of useful links, including a glossary of Yiddish words and expressions (<http://www.bergen.org/EAST/Projects/Yiddish/English/words.html>).

You can go beyond this, to learn Yiddish on the Web by turning to "Die Yiddish Fyn Mayn Babe" – "My Grandmother's Yiddish" – which has well organized links to Yiddish

vocabulary, grammar and reading sites (<http://yiddish.danieln.com/>). And to hear contemporary Yiddish, turn to the weekly news and cultural commentary, interspersed with music, on the *Forwards* newspaper's radio show which is archived and updated weekly at <http://www.1050wevd.com/stored/storedprograms.php3>.

Die Gantse Megilleh – Worlds of Yiddishkeit (and – why not? – a bit of excess)

Once you put a toe in the water, you may want to jump right in. For dedicated Yiddishists, the key site is *Mendele*. *Mendele* was founded as an e-mail service at Yale University in the 1980s and now has tens of thousands of subscribers in every continent except Antarctica (<http://shakti.trincoll.edu/~mendele/>).

I was at Yale as a doctoral student 40 years ago. It then had a small but active Jewish community (the Talmudist, Judah Golden, was the Hillel Rabbi; the Dean of Law, Eugene Victor Rostow, conducted a large community seder every year; and Joe Lieberman was an active member of the undergraduate Jewish student group). But nobody could have imagined that Waspy, 'shoe', Yale would become a major centre of the Yiddish revival. City College or Brooklyn college, maybe, but not Yale. It goes to show, you can't tell what can happen, and where it can happen, when a few Jews get together and exert themselves to help create a miracle.

Mendele's central production is the moderated mailing list of Yiddish discussion. You can subscribe to this, but you may feel that it is *tsu fil* – too much of a good thing constantly coming into your mail box. Instead, you can browse the frequently updated archives of the mailing list, and much more, by going to the website. The e-mail archive contains comments, queries about Yiddish expressions and



Global Shtetl The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

sources, discussions of Yiddish, and transcribed short pieces that may otherwise be hard to find. It uses two languages: English and Yiddish, the latter transliterated into Western characters.

This site also includes the archives of the less frequently published *Mendele Review*, where you can read longer items, mainly articles about Yiddish and original sources from classical and contemporary Yiddish literature. Some of these documents can be downloaded in PDF format, which is readable using free Adobe Acrobat software. This lets you get printable manuscripts in Yiddish with Hebrew characters.

Mendele also links to various other Yiddishist sites, including major academic projects (for example, the international effort to map the variations in Yiddish pronunciation and speech, which provides a sampling of Real Audio clips of spoken Yiddish records of people drawn from various European localities).

Yiddish on the Web will continue in the next *Global Shtetl* column.

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Sixty Something

Ruth Weitz

The Lower East Side

Each year when we leave Ottawa to spend the winter in Florida, we stay with my daughter in New York for at least a week. During this time we see Broadway plays, walk through museums and go in and out of the lavish Fifth Avenue shops.

This year we also walked on Orchard Street. The street was so named because at the time this dirt road ended at the orchard of a 300-acre farm owned by one man. During the American Revolution the land was confiscated from a family named Delancey who were sympathetic to the British. Hence, Delancey Street. Today the whole area is known as the Lower East Side.

If this street could talk, it would speak at least 10 languages. It would tell stories of many years ago when it was the most densely populated street in the world, for with the start of the 20th century, it was home for countless new immigrants from many European and Asian countries.

In those long ago days, the immigrants came to the US with very few clothes, less money and settled in the Lower East Side. They could not speak English and they would work at anything to earn enough to feed their families. The rent for about 325 square feet of living space was six dollars a month. It was not unheard of for a tenant to move out after only one month. That was common because the first month was free, thus a family could change residences every month. Families did not have much in the way of furniture so they and their friends moved themselves.

As part of our guided tour, we walked through some tiny apartments and were told that the children slept on the floor. Sometimes there were as many as 15 people sharing the one toilet at the end of a dark and narrow hallway.

The only apartment that had one small window was the one facing the street. The entrance to each apartment was through the kitchen and since there was no inside hallway one had to walk through each room to reach the bedroom at the end. Everyone in the family bathed standing at the kitchen sink.

On the street level there was once a dress shop, a shoe store and a gift shop.

In 1936 a law was passed requiring that tenement buildings have a staircase made of metal rather than the flammable wood that had been used for years. In time, the flats were abandoned and stayed shuttered until 1996 when a new owner opened some of them again and made them habitable. It was too late for others; roofs had leaked and virtually nothing was salvageable.

Today, this same area is filled with young people who pay up to \$1,500 in advance then \$1,500 for the monthly rent. They also pay \$2,700 to the broker. These new tenants have chosen to live in a neighbourhood that was once — and is now again — vibrant and historic. The new residents are no longer immigrants but trendsetters.

As I strolled through this historic neighbourhood, discount stores were in operation and crowds filled the streets. I am certain if an original tenant were to come back today, he or she would be flabbergasted to find that the apartment they paid six dollars for every month was renting today for \$1,500 - 3,000.

I walked into a shoe store to find a pair of alligator pumps priced at \$1,200. No, I did not buy them. I spoke to the owner who told me she wondered how a family of eight lived where she was now living alone and she found the apartment too small. She was moving the next month.

As we were leaving the area, we noticed a poster on a lampost. A professional single man was looking for a one-bedroom apartment and would pay up to \$1,300 a month for rent.

Art Works / Rose Ann Hoffenberg *Docent's Demise?*

The National Gallery of Canada has recently made available an audio-guide for its permanent collection in the Canadian and European galleries. I borrowed the CD disc player from the Information Desk and headed for the Canadian galleries to test it. I found a number on the label beside Sam Borenstein's painting, brought it up on my machine, then pushed the green button for play. This is roughly what I heard:

The icy blue sky and snow covered streets transport us to the shivering cold of a Montreal winter where nature is in hibernation but the bright red of the buildings and action of the people on the street are very much alive.

Borenstein's application of thick paint with rapid brushstrokes conveys an excitement that transcends this poor area of Montreal inhabited by immigrants largely from Eastern Europe.

The artist admired the use

of expressive brushwork and vibrant colour in the works by Vincent van Gogh, Maurice de Vlaminck and Chaïm Soutine whom he saw when he was in Paris in the 1930s.

This is not so much a depiction of a particular street but rather Borenstein's emotional response to that street. His sincerity, human warmth and furious energy are in control in this masterful painting.

Sam Borenstein was a Lithuanian Jew who immigrated to Canada in 1921. He struggled all his life to support his wife and three children but had a sense of humour and a great passion for painting.

Imagine the above excerpt being read by two speakers, accompanied by music, and this will give you an idea of the educational tool that is now readily accessible to the Gallery visitor.

Does this mean the demise of the docent? No, I



SAINT DOMINIQUE STREET, MONTREAL, Sam Borenstein; 1942. National Gallery of Canada.

do not think so, because Gallery-goers know that "real" tour guides are flexible and can adapt a tour to the personal needs and interests of an audience.

Is this a good research tool? No, not to the serious student but it is a good starting point and excellent exposure for the casual observer.

Do all works in the Gallery have numbers? No, the audio-guide does not include all works but it does include enough to keep a

spectator interested for many visits.

Why have it? The audio-guide is available all the time whereas guided tours are only available twice a day.

The viewer controls the choice of artwork, the number of works and the length of time spent in front of each work. In addition, some people want a more intimate viewing experience.

In summary, it is a good, user-friendly, educational option.

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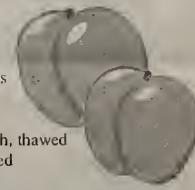
Strudel comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes, with savoury and sweet fillings. Using phyllo dough makes it a very easy dessert to put together. You can prepare most fruit strudels ahead and freeze them. Do not defrost before baking.

To reduce the fat in strudel, follow this easy alternative to brushing each sheet of dough with melted butter. Using butter-flavoured cooking spray, layer phyllo dough sheets, spraying each sheet and brushing with fruit juice, either from filling mixture or juice of your choice. Select one that would compliment the filling.

I like to check out the selection of juice boxes available and use one other than the usual apple juice to enhance the flavours in the filling. Spray the finished strudel with the flavoured cooking spray but no fruit juice, or, to splurge just a bit, brush the top and undersides with a tablespoon of melted butter to give that authentic buttery flavour.

Apricot Walnut Strudel

2 tbsp unsalted butter
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup honey
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
2 cups chopped dried apricots
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
10 sheets frozen phyllo dough, thawed
1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
Vanilla ice cream



For filling: Stir butter and brown sugar in medium saucepan over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Stir in honey. Remove pan from heat and stir in vanilla. Mix in apricots, walnuts and breadcrumbs. (Filling can be made up to 1 day ahead and refrigerated.)

For strudel: Preheat oven to 375°. Place 1/2 cup melted

butter, pastry brush, apricot mixture, box of phyllo dough and damp dish towel on counter where you're working. Remove wrapping from phyllo dough and unroll stack onto sheet of waxed paper on counter. Cover stack with slightly damp dish towel to keep it from drying out.

Arrange one long sheet wax paper horizontally on work surface. Place one phyllo sheet horizontally on wax paper (keep stack of phyllo dough covered with dish towel after removing each sheet). Brush phyllo sheet all over with melted butter. Repeat with four more phyllo sheets, brushing with butter each time. Spread half of apricot mixture along long side of buttered phyllo sheets keeping 2" border on each short side and along bottom. Fold in two short sides to cover edges of filling. Fold up bottom, over filling, and continue to roll strudel up to top, using wax paper as guide, if necessary. Carefully lift strudel and place it seam-side down on baking sheet lined with parchment or waxed paper. Brush melted butter all over outside (and underside) of strudel.

Make second strudel with remaining five sheets of phyllo and remaining half of apricot mixture. Place strudel on lined baking sheet and brush all over with butter. Bake strudels until golden brown, about 25 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before slicing. Slice crosswise into 1 1/2" pieces. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

Note: Strudels can be made ahead and frozen. Freeze on baking sheet. When frozen, wrap each in a few layers of plastic wrap and a layer of foil. Unwrap and bake without thawing at 375° for about 30 minutes.

Mango Strudel

3 cups ripe mango (cut into 1" chunks)
2 to 3 tbsp sugar (to taste)
6 tbsp dry bread crumbs
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
6 sheets frozen phyllo dough, thawed
6 - 8 tbsp melted butter for phyllo dough
Icing sugar for serving
2 cups melted vanilla ice cream
6 tbsp fresh lime juice



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For strudel: Preheat the oven to 400°. In a bowl, combine the mangoes, sugar, 2 tbsp of bread crumbs and pecans. Spread the phyllo sheets on a damp cloth towel covering the top with another damp towel so the sheets don't dry out as you are working.

Place one phyllo sheet on a long sheet of waxed paper and brush it with melted butter using a pastry brush. Sprinkle the dough with 2 tsp dry bread crumbs.

Place a second sheet of phyllo on top, brush with melted butter and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Repeat this procedure with all of the phyllo sheets.

Place the mango filling in a 3" strip along the longer edge of the dough, leaving 1 1/2" border along the sides. Fold the sides over the filling and roll the dough into a jelly roll shape using the waxed paper to help you.

Transfer the strudel onto a parchment lined baking sheet, seam side down. Brush the top and undersides with melted butter and bake for about 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool for 30 minutes before serving.

For the sauce: Just before serving, blend the ice cream with the lime juice.

Spoon 2 to 3 tbsp of sauce on a plate and centre a slice of strudel in the sauce.

Dust with some icing sugar and serve immediately to enjoy the contrast between the warm strudel dough and the cool sauce.

Note: Make sure the pastry brush you are using is of good quality and doesn't shed its bristles easily.

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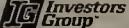
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The Wisdom Bird

A Tale of Solomon and Sheba

Retold by Sheldon Oberman

Illustrated by Neil Waldman

Boyd's Mills Press 2000

Unpaged Ages 6 and up

Winnipeg author Sheldon Oberman calls his children's books "gifts" to his readers. That simple, endearing concept speaks volumes about Oberman's sensitive, caring approach to children and to children's literature.

Oberman's earlier books, *The Always Prayer Shawl* and *By The Hanukkah Light*, illustrate universal truths. They guide readers to resolutions and conclusions that embrace the heart, the mind and the soul. That is, indeed, a profound gift.

Happily, Oberman has succeeded equally well with his newest Jewish content children's book. A beautiful book, the enchanting story and masterful art of *The Wisdom Bird: A Tale of Solomon and Sheba* will clearly stand the test of time.

There is a deft, gentle delicacy to Oberman's retelling of this Solomon and Sheba story that captivates. Children will empathize with the small, colourful hoopoe bird and all birds. They will delight in the hoopoe's three riddles that teach King Solomon a lesson in the use of power and respect for God's other creatures.

They'll appreciate the wisdom in the Queen of Sheba's response when King Solomon breaks his promise to her.

And they'll understand the irony in the hoopoe's crowning reward, "for it has taught a king and queen, and it has saved all the birds of the world."

Based on traditional wisdom tales originating in Africa and the Jewish heritage of ancient Israel, Yemen and Europe, *The Wisdom Bird: A Tale of Solomon and Sheba* is a wonderful example of cultural diversity enriching our lives and environmental storytelling.

Neil Waldman's glorious full colour acrylic illustrations continue the theme of respecting different cultures by combining African and Jewish images with startling effect. His celebration of birds is especially dazzling.

P.S: *Mazel Tov* to Sheldon Oberman and his co-author and illustrator, Simon Tookoome, recent winners of the second annual Norma Fleck Award for children's non-fiction for *The Shaman's Nephew*, a truly fascinating book about Inuit culture. I couldn't put it down!

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat

By Simms Taback

Viking 1999 edition

Unpaged Ages 4 - 6

Based on a Yiddish folk song, *Hob Ich Mir a Mantl*, (I Have a Little Coat), the first edition of author/illustrator Simms Taback's picture book, *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*, was published in 1977 and won an enthusiastic readership.

This time around, *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* and Taback won the 1999 Caldecott Medal for the book's new illustrations. Using a combination of watercolours, gouache, pencil, ink, and collage, Taback created expressive, cleverly crafted pictures incorporating die-cut holes.

The holes move the story forward by showing what comes next. Of course, what comes next is easier to see on the second or third reading. As you turn the page on the first reading, the eye is mainly drawn to the full image of what is seen through the holes. Still, children will enjoy looking at the pictures, at the holes and through the holes.

Set in an East European shtetl and using a simple repetitive refrain, the story is about what to do with a prized possession as it wears out. Thanks to Joseph's wit and skill, he continues to wear his overcoat, in ever



From *The Wisdom Bird*

diminishing shapes, until it vanishes completely. Then it is reborn in an entirely different form. Super fun!

Another P.S: Children who delight in *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* will also enjoy Toronto author/illustrator Phoebe Gilman's 1992 prize-winner, *Something From Nothing*. A young boy's baby blanket is the prized possession and the human story is augmented by a family of mice acting out their own story.

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One day, a friend phoned to tell me that he had been called into his boss's office and been fired.

"How could they do that to me?" he asked. "Why didn't they ever tell me that they had a problem with the way I did things?"

My friend remained unemployed for several months before landing a new job. A few months later, he was out of work again. Over the next few years, he found and lost a number of other jobs. The pattern was always the same. He had worked hard, thinking he had the approval of his employer, and had then been suddenly terminated without any warning, except for what he perceived had been some relatively minor criticisms and suggestions.

Oh yes, and it was always his employer's fault.

After a while, it occurred to me that maybe his respective employers weren't the main cause of his problems. The same thought must have occurred to him, because he eventually turned himself around, and has done quite well at a job he has now held for some 15 years.

Others never seem to get it. Take actor Robert Downey Jr., who reportedly told the police officers who arrested him for his most recent case of drug possession that they had "ruined his career" and "ruined his life". A gifted performer with a long history of drug abuse, Downey has some influential friends who have repeatedly tried, without success, to set him on a more productive path. Recently, they had helped him land a recurring role on the high-profile sitcom *Ally McBeal*.

After this latest episode, Downey's career may be down the toilet for good.

Downey isn't alone, by any means. As another high-profile example, think about Darryl Strawberry, a talented baseball player, who has been abusing both drugs and

women for years.

Why have people like Downey and Strawberry, who could have had it all, gone on such self-destructive courses? Maybe it's because they haven't learned that the main responsibility for what they do with their lives belongs to them.

In Parshas Re'eh (Deuteronomy 11:26), Moses tells the Jewish people that two paths lie before them, one blessed and the other cursed, and that it is up to them to decide which one to take. Our rabbis tell us that this teaches us a fundamental principle of Judaism, that of individual choice and free will, and that we can set aside the bad and choose the good any time we wish to do so.

Rabbi Yitzhak Berkovitz of the Aish HaTorah College of Jewish Studies puts it more colloquially. He says that this portion of the Torah is really telling each of us to wake up and grow up, to use our brains and realize what we are doing with our lives and where we are going. We must also understand the consequences of stupidity and impulsiveness.

Yes, you may say, that's all well and good. But aren't there people limited in their choices because of things like poverty, physical or emotional disabilities, sickness, or other circumstances that are beyond their control?

That is certainly true. At the same time, we must remember that many people have overcome obstacles like these because of their own character strengths. Think about Jim Abbott, who became a major-league pitcher despite being born with only one hand. Another example is Roberta Guaspari, a young mother abandoned by her husband, who moved to one of America's toughest neighbourhoods, East Harlem, where she started a music program depicted in the hit movie *Music of the Heart*.



How I see it

Bob Dale

A while back, I was complaining to somebody that I had recently recognized some of the career options I should have pursued, but that I was now too old and too set in my ways to do anything about it.

"Who says you can't?" he demanded. "There is always a way. It's up to you to find that way, and then to do something about it."

He was right, and if he is reading this column, I want him to know that I *am* doing something about it.

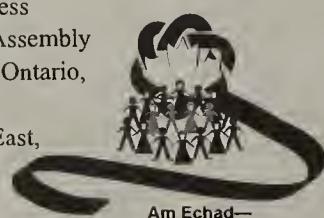
Robert Downey Jr., a gifted actor, has the world at his fingertips, but lets it all slip away because of his unwillingness to take responsibility for his life. Darryl Strawberry, an incredibly talented athlete, becomes a drug addict and spouse abuser and eliminates his chances of landing up in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Talmud teaches us that within each person is a *Yetzer Tov* (the inclination to do good) and a *Yetzer Ra* (the inclination to do evil). At all times, says the Talmud, we are aware of the correct course of action as well as tempted by the wrong course of action. These struggle within us, our rabbis tell us, as we try to make the correct behavioural decisions.

Each of us has some real choices, no matter what our circumstances happen to be. It's up to each of us to find a way of making the best choices that we can, and not blaming others for our failures.

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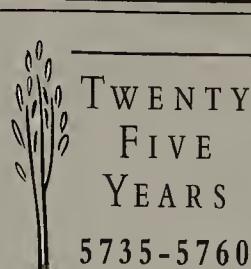
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JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR (Continued from page 20)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28	THURSDAY, MARCH 1	FRIDAY, MARCH 2	SATURDAY, MARCH 3	SUNDAY, MARCH 4
<p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>JET, Hebrew Reading 111, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Cable 22, 6:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>Talmud Classes with Rabbi Betnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Parshat Hashavua for Teens, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JET, Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Growing Tree Drop-In Shabbat, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldney Avenue, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Noah's Ark Drop-In Shabbat, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p>  <p>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:34 PM</p>		<p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre's Membership Appreciation Party, Open to all, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Heart and Stroke Foundation Annual Fitness for Fun, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>JET, Judaism 102, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Greenberg Families Library Story Time Topic: Purim, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Agudath Israel Congregation, Jews for Judaism Program, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldney Avenue, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group For Men, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:30 p.m.</p>

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 <p><i>The Centre of Your Life</i></p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>JET, Hebrew Reading Crash Course, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Hebrew Reading 111, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Talmud Classes with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Persha Hashavu For Teens, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Melech Pass Library Book Discussion Group, Book: Colony of Unrequited Dreams by Wayne Johnston, Reviewer: Judith Weinman, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Colborne Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Nericolas Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JET, Strive For Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Hillel Academy/Ottawa Carlton Professional Day, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Growing Tree Drop-In Shabbat, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Colborne Avenue, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Noah's Ark Drop-In Shabbat, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p>	 <p>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:24 PM</p>	<p>JET, Judaism 102, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Jewish Film Society, <i>The New Klezmorim, Canada</i>, 2000, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group For Men, Machzikel Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:30 p.m.</p>

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This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar co-ordinator at 798-9818 extension 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided. You may fax to 798-9839.

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